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BIRTHS.

A: Cosmopolitan Dock, Hongkong, on the 9th inst., the wife of E. J. MAIN, of a son.

On New Year's Day, 1894, at the Collegiate School, Chefoo, Mrs. GEO. HUNTER, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1894.

SANITARY AND OTHERWISE.

When our local Legislative Council is again in session the sanitary condition of the colony ought to receive prompt and practical attention. This is one of the most important problems requiring immediate solution, and the danger which threatens the health of the community so long as the present discreditable state of affairs is allowed to exist should effectually prevent any official trifling or departmental delay in grappling with the difficulty. Notwithstanding the hundreds of thousands of dollars that in recent years have been expended in creating a fanciful sanitary system, including a gigantic water supply scheme that has proved to be another of the imbecile Mr. J. M. Paice's notorious white elephants, it is not too much to say that Hongkong is by far the most filthy and polluted of the most

imperfect sanitary system of any foreign settlement in the Far East. A tour round the streets at various periods of the day will convince the most sceptical of the absolute accuracy of our assertions.

When Mr. OSBERT CHADWICK, who was sent specially out a dozen years ago by the Secretary of State to investigate and report upon our sanitary necessities, made his sweeping recommendations, the Hongkong Telegraph forcibly denounced the expensive and utterly unsuitable scheme which that eminent expert so strongly suggested, and in so doing we were supported by the combined intellect and influence of the colony. When Mr. OSBERT CHADWICK returned here and his impracticable paper scheme was adopted and carried into effect, we again protested most vehemently against the ratepayers' money being wasted on the fads of a scientific 'crank,' but it was all in vain, the wire-pullers of puffed-up and ignorant officialdom could not or would not see the true condition of things with their own eyes and refused to be convinced by facts and arguments that were plain to everybody else. And so the streets of Hongkong were pulled to pieces, the then existing drainage system, admittedly very imperfect in many respects, was completely revolutionised—and what are the results? The city of Victoria can fairly rival far-famed Cologne in the intensity and variety of the ancient and fish-like smells which almost suffocate us at nearly every street corner; there is scarcely a dwelling house in the colony the drains of which are not in a state dangerous to health; the public streets reek with filth, especially in the morning; the comic members of the still more comical Sanitary Board meet fortnightly, talk twaddle, and generally squabble over opinions in the shape of "minutes" which have been circulated in the intervals between these amusing burlesques; the water supply in many districts is discreditably inadequate; and in addition to paying about \$55,000 per annum for a Sanitary Department that is worse than useless as at present constituted, the colony, or rather the ratepayers, have the blessed privilege of paying \$300 per annum as a consulting fee to Mr. OSBERT CHADWICK, for doing nothing. It is high time this gross imposition on an already too heavily burdened community were summarily stopped, and if the unofficial members of Council will only take the initiative and open the ball, they will be heartily supported by the public at large.

We cannot pretend to know where the duties and responsibilities of the Sanitary Board begin and end. We are not even sure that the Board has any duties or responsibilities. It has a Superintendent and Secretary, a crowd of inspectors of nuisances, clerks, interpreters, street cleaners, watchmen, messengers, etc., who no doubt do something in return for their wages, but we quite fail to see from very careful personal observation that these services are worth \$65,000 per annum to the colony. The Superintendent, who after all is only a head clerk, would possibly be charitably set down as a figure-head, and ornament, and so far as the present incumbent of the office is concerned, that description might not be very far from the mark; but what are the duties of the Inspectors of Nuisances, who ought to be the real workmen of the department? One of the greatest and most offensive nuisances in this colony is one of long standing—the sickening 'bucket' system which every morning from about 4 until 8 a.m. places Hongkong as a British town quite outside the pale of modern civilisation. Is not this a nuisance of a most pronounced type? Why then has it not been dealt with by those who are paid to deal with such social abuses, or by those who have voluntarily undertaken such responsibilities? The answer is plain—combined ignorance and neglect. Admitting that the 'bucket' system is a necessity, surely its grossly offensive surroundings are open to improvement! In other places where it exists, special metal buckets with tight-fitting lids are provided, which are so constructed that no offensive smell to poison the air in the public streets is possible. Why has this simple and inexpensive expedient never been introduced into Hongkong, to do away with a nuisance that is disgusting beyond expression?—We repeat, combined ignorance and neglect. If the members of the Sanitary Board would support remedies for acknowledged abuses, instead of wasting time in the indulgence of purposeless personal amenities, they might justify their existence. They have not done that yet; but after all, the unofficial members of Council form the mainstay of the community in sanitary as in other matters of general interest, and will continue to do so until an independent Municipal Council becomes an accomplished fact.

At the Police Court this morning the master and two sailors of a junk were charged before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse with the unlawful possession of 19 hags (about a ton) of brown sugar. It transpired in evidence that I spector W. Quincey arrested the prisoners at 5 o'clock this morning and found them in possession of the sugar, which they said had been put in their vessel without their knowledge. At the request of the Police the further hearing of the case was adjourned until the 13th inst., bail being fixed in one hundred & 50/- for each of the defendants.

The New Medical School at Tsin-tien, which has been erected adjoining the Hospital at a cost of Tls. 300,000, was formally inaugurated by the Viceroy Li Hung-chang on December 12th. At the banquet which followed, speeches were made by Mr. Lo Feng-ji, on behalf of the School and Hospital authorities, and Baron von Seckendorff. The inception of this useful institution is stated to be due to the late Dr. Kenneth McKenzie, who for many years was a *persona grata* with the great Viceroy. A Tsin-tien correspondent to the N. C. Daily News gives the following particulars:—It is understood that the funds for its maintenance will be provided in part from the revenue of the Haukuan *Tsotieh* of Chefoo and Tsin-tien. Twenty-three students—English-speakers—have been enlisted, chiefly in Shanghai and Ningpo, and are to be maintained, lodged, boarded and paid, during the entire period of their curriculum. One of the very last acts of the late Sir Andrew Clark was to appoint a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, to the position of Director of Studies and Resident Surgeon and Physician. This gentleman will arrive in the spring and will bring with him the apparatus for the chemical, physical, and physiological laboratories. In the meantime the students are to be put through a preliminary course of chemistry and are to begin anatomy with French models in wax. In the existing condition of Chinese medicine on the subject of dissection, we fear that the day is far distant when anatomy will be studied on the human subject. The students are *free* from fees, and the cost of their education will be £100 per annum.

The DISASTER IN WEST AFRICA. Latest particulars from Sierra Leone are to the effect that the French attacked the British camp before daylight. The British at once replied to the fire of the attacking party, and after severe fighting for forty minutes the French retreated, their commander, Lieut. Morris, being dangerously wounded. He was brought into camp and explained that he had mistaken the British for a detachment of the Sofas tribe. His wound proved mortal and he died shortly after being brought to camp.

Ten of the French are stated to have been killed in the list of fatal casualties on the British side, including Lieut. Morris and his Adjutant, Dr. McLean, who is also mentioned as a medical officer. The British force, which included the 1st Battalion of the Royal West African Regiment and the 2nd Battalion of the Royal West African Regiment, had been engaged in a skirmish with the Sofas tribe, and had suffered a loss of 100 men.

Regiment; and fifteen others were severely wounded.

The troops engaged in the affair, French, British, and natives, regard it as an unhappy mistake, and this is the view generally adopted by the Press in discussing it. Colonel Ellis, who is in command of the British detachment, has written to the French commander, stating that friendly relations have not been disturbed by the unfortunate occurrence.

AMOY RACES.

(SPECIAL WIRE)

The following are the results of today's racing:—

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1894.

COMPRADEORES' CUP, presented; value \$100; and pony \$25; for Amoy Subscription Griffins of this season; winner of one race 7lbs. extra; previous non-starters 7lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Grunewald's gr. Evolution, 1st, 1lb.... 1

Mr. Pug's wh. Expectation, 1st, 1lb.... 2

Mr. Dubbilew's gr. Common, 1st, 1lb. (incl. 1lb. ex.).... 3

CHALMERS' CUP, value \$150; a forced entry for all Amoy and Formosa owned ponies, open to Subcription Griffins of this season; half the entrance fees to the winner, until the Cup is finally won, when the second pony shall receive half the entrance fees; to be won two consecutive meetings, by a pony or ponies, the *hind* of the same owner or owners; weights as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile.

General Wynn's gr. Boldheart, 1st, 1lb.... 1

Mr. Dryasdust's gr. Palmost, 1st, 1lb.... 2

Mr. Boyd's dun Dunceberg, 1st, 1lb.... 3

VISITORS' CUP, presented; value \$100; for all China ponies; winner of each race won; previous non-starters 7lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Two miles.

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Mr. Dryasdust's gr. Palmost, 1st, 1lb.... 2

Mr. Dubbilew's gr. Common, 1st, 1lb. (incl. 1lb. ex.).... 3

EXCHANGE PLATE, presented; value \$100; for all China ponies; Subcription Griffins of this season allowed 5lbs.; winners 5lbs. extra for each race won; weights as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. August's gr. Democrat, 1st, 1lb.... 1

Mr. Dryasdust's gr. Palmost, 1st, 1lb.... 2

Mr. Dubbilew's gr. Common, 1st, 1lb. (incl. 1lb. ex.).... 3

CHASSEZ' CUP, presented; value \$100; and pony \$25; for Amoy Subscription Griffins of this season; winners 5lbs. extra for each race won; previous non-starters 7lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Pug's b. Fidget, 1st, 1lb. (incl. 1lb. ex.).... 1

Mr. Dubbilew's gr. Common, 1st, 1lb. (incl. 1lb. ex.).... 2

Mr. Grunewald's gr. Evolution, 1st, 1lb. (incl. 1lb. ex.).... 3

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